

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the Invention of Group II drawn to a ceramic monolith mount.

Applicant has amended claims 25 - 39 to be drawn to a ceramic monolith mount.

Claims 25 - 39 therefore read on the Invention of Group II as set forth in the Restriction Requirement, in addition to claims 40 - 45 as mentioned in the Restriction Requirement.

New claims 46 - 48, and amended claim 24 set forth an exhaust arrangement including a mounting mat with a plurality of layers having different swelling characteristics. This feature is present in original claim 40, and therefore is included in the Invention of Group II as set forth in the Restriction Requirement.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted
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